

DIRECTS VERDICT FOR ROCK ISLAND

Judge W. T. Church Orders Jury in John E. Webster Case to Find for Railroad.

WRONG REMEDY IS ATTEMPTED

Holds the Action Should Have Been Brought Under Federal Liability Law—Is Now Barred.

Judge W. T. Church in circuit court yesterday afternoon, in the case of John E. Webster vs. the Rock Island road, instructed the jury to find the issues for the defendant company. The court declared that in his opinion, action should have been brought under the federal liability act instead of the state statute, holding that the plaintiff was engaged in interstate commerce at the time of the accident, Feb. 15, 1913, when the foot of the plaintiff was crushed by the fall of a crane at the Silvis shops.

The plaintiff, however, is barred from proceeding under the federal act because two years have elapsed since the time of the injury and therefore his only remedy will be an appeal from Judge W. T. Church's decision, which will be played to the appellate court. The court declared that one United States supreme court decision in an eastern case, cited by E. H. Stafford of counsel for the company, was squarely in point. In that suit a railroad employee was working on an engine which was being repaired at a round house when a bolt flew up and injured an eye. The court held that the engine, although disabled, was used in interstate commerce and therefore action for damages should be brought under the federal law.

Case In Point. Judge Church held that the engine on which the plaintiff was working when the crane from above fell on him, was used both before and after the accident in interstate commerce and that the compensation law of the state would, therefore, not apply. The matter came into circuit court on an appeal from the award of the board of arbitrators composed of Rev. R. S. Haney, named by the county court; Frank Gustafson by the plaintiff and James W. Maucker by the defendant. Both parties to the suit took an appeal to circuit court. The board awarded the plaintiff the sum of \$664.50. An interesting point brought out in the trial was that the plaintiff was still employed by the company, and is earning more now than before the accident.

One of the jurors, Robert Stapleton, was unable to sign the directed verdict because of a paralyzed arm and with the court's consent, Deputy Sheriff E. W. Robinson assisted him to make his mark.

Members of the jury are: Felix Drake, Frank Harrison, Gottlieb Zwickler, G. F. Rogers, William Haak, Rock Island; W. E. Culpeter, Robert Stapleton, William Tiedeman, John Paulsen, South Rock Island; William Hall, A. G. Efflandt, H. N. Lage, Moline; G. D. Long and Shalberg & Harper appeared for the plaintiff and Jackson, Hurst & Stafford for the company.

IN MOLINE LODGES

Swedish Olive lodge, No. 583, I. O. O. F., admitted two new members by transfer card at the weekly meeting last evening and one application was reported. Plans for a big entertainment for members to be held in Swedish Olive hall Feb. 7, were formulated and a committee was appointed to arrange for the event. Several special features are to be introduced that evening and expectation is that there will be practically a complete representation of the membership at the affair.

A brief business session was held by St. George lodge, No. 28, K. of P., in K. P. hall last evening, preceding the card party at which members of the lodge were hosts to the Pythian sisters. An enjoyable social evening was then enjoyed.

OFFICERS NAMED BY LOCAL BUSINESS MEN



J. T. Marron, President.



W. H. Thoms, Vice president.



George H. Kingsbury, Secretary.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Trial of the case of A. D. Huesing vs. the Rock Island road was started in circuit court this morning. Searle & Marshall appear for the plaintiff, and Jackson, Hurst & Stafford for the company. Action is based on a collision Sept. 2, 1913, between a train and a Huesing truck, loaded with soda water, at the Thirteenth street crossing, Moline. Damages to the extent of \$5,000 are asked.

MARRON IS CHIEF OF BUSINESS MEN

William H. Thoms Chosen Vice President and Channon and Kingsbury Are Re-elected.

ALBERT HUBER MAIN SPEAKER

Counsel for Association Gives Splendid Talk on Difficulties of Merchants and Gives Remedies.

J. T. Marron, head of the Electrical Machinery & Construction company, was elected president of the Rock Island Business Men's association at the annual meeting and banquet, held last night at the Rock Island club. The other officers named are:

Vice president—W. H. Thoms. Secretary—George H. Kingsbury. Treasurer—C. F. Channon.

Directors for two years—H. W. Tre-mann, Oscar J. Ohlweiler, W. S. McCombs, L. M. Casteel, O. W. Billings, W. P. Ammerman.

W. S. McCombs, retiring president, urged that the members work in harmony the coming year and put forth greater efforts than ever before. "Preparedness, cooperation and push are three very necessary qualities to make 1916 the banner year it should be," he said.

C. F. Channon, who was re-elected treasurer, reported that the association was in better financial condition at the end of the present year than it was in 1915.

George H. Kingsbury, in making the annual report of the secretary brought out a number of good points. The association has at present access to over 50,000 ratings in the tri-cities, but he stated that the members themselves were not availing themselves of this information. He pointed out that during the year only 6,000 inquiries had been made for ratings and in his estimation this number was not one-tenth enough. He also stated that 1,200 householders here who had poor ratings were given credit during the past year, showing that the members were careless in conducting their business.

Advances New Idea.

Mr. Marron, in accepting the presidency, brought a new thought to the members. He stated that there were too many booster organizations in the city and that they were too scattered and not concentrated as they should be. He advocated organization of one central body, with various departments to take care of the different lines of business, to have one secretary with sub-secretaries under him to care for the various branches of the work in the city. This organization, he said, could be operated at a lesser expense and much more real good could be accomplished. M. H. Sexton and Robert C. Mitchell also gave brief talks on cooperation. H. O. Kelley, secretary of the Davenport Rating association, and William Carstens, secretary of the Moline Retail Merchants' association, were also present. Both thanked the Rock Island business men for their cooperation during the past year.

The speaker of the evening was Albert Huber, counsel for the Business Men's association. Mr. Huber touched mainly upon subjects and difficulties now confronting every merchant and suggested a few remedies.

"The value of collection agencies are much overestimated," said Mr. Huber. "The first course the majority of the merchants pursue is to take their bad accounts to a collection agency, where they are charged 10, 25 and sometimes even 50 per cent commission. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. We do not get at the real causes of this great problem, and in most cases we find it due to lack of system, or a faulty system. Too many merchants have bad accounts. Why is it that the most evident question is so hard to learn? The troubles lie with the merchants themselves. In the law business we get the money and in the retail business the motto seems to be to get rid of the goods."

Fault With Merchants.

"In this connection," said Mr. Huber, "I would like to suggest that the merchant do as much of this work himself as is possible. A feeling of obligation or shame between your debtor and you will often bring better results than the collection agency. Many merchants make the excuse that they are too busy to meddle with collections and the credit department. This view is caused not so much by lack of time as by lack of system. Every merchant should have a credit department and a little application and time to that end will bring about wonderful results. Prior to taking bad accounts into courts, the merchant should do all of the preliminary work himself and not leave this to the attorney. Give no accounts to outside collection agencies," warned Mr. Huber, "because you will find these institutions just as hard to get your money from as the bad debtor. Some cases that are brought to court are nuisances. If you extend credit to a man voluntarily, on his plea of poverty or necessity, and through kindness of heart extend credit to him and he does not pay as promptly as you expected, do not take his case into court and never let it get out of your own hands."

Mr. Huber concluded by explaining the law on these various subjects and gave the merchants many good pointers. The banquet was served prior to the business session, at 7 o'clock, a victrola concert also being enjoyed.

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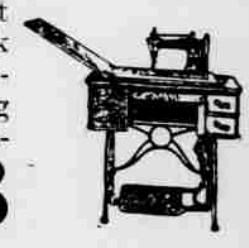
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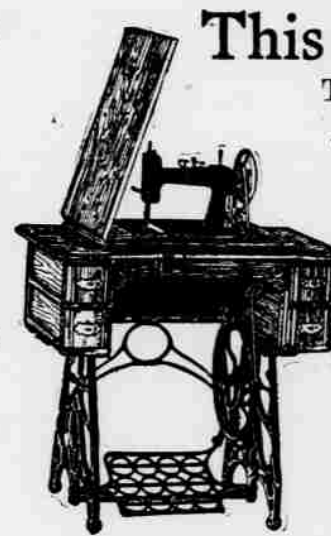
White rotary, \$29.50

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This was used as a demonstrating machine

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PLAN RECEPTION TO F. O. VANGALDER

Welcome Home to Member Ford Peace Expedition—Also Father-Son Banquet, Mock Trial.

Elaborate preparations are being made for an entertainment to be held next Tuesday evening at the First Methodist church annex that will combine a number of features including a father-son banquet, a reception, a social courtesy for the cadet boys and a mock trial given under the auspices of the S. J. Ferguson Bible class of the church. It will be primarily a reception and welcome home for F. O. Vangalder, who is president of the class, and a member of the official church board, provided he returns to the city before that time after spending the last two months with the Ford peace expedition in Europe. Mr. Vangalder is expected home in the course of a few days unless something has developed to have prevented him from sailing with other members of the peace party on the steamer that should arrive at New York Thursday or Friday of this week. In case Mr. Vangalder does not arrive in the city in time for this banquet and reception, the affair will be held nevertheless and will be especially for the boys of the church.

Recently there was organized in the church a cadet service to which belong 50 boys, supervised by Edwin Dice, who carry flowers to the sick and shut-ins, bear messages and telegrams and run errands and make themselves generally useful. This will be the first public recognition of

their services and the boys will be given places of honor at the banquet.

With the banquet Tuesday evening other churches have been asked to hold simultaneously receptions and banquets for the boys of the respective churches to which the fathers will be invited.

In case Mr. Vangalder arrives a reception to him will follow the service of supper and the mock trial will begin at 8 o'clock. F. K. Rhoads is the prisoner at the bar with A. L. Bruner as an accessory. Judge W. T. Church will preside on the bench. J. G. Miller will be the sheriff, Edwin Dice the clerk and attorneys to defend and prosecute are C. L. Walker, M. E. Sweeney, J. F. Witter and O. T. Dwinell.

The ladies of the church will serve the supper to the fathers and sons, this being agreed upon at a meeting of the Sunday school board held last evening in the home of F. K. Rhoads, 1034 Twenty-first street.

CROZIER TELLS OF TIME NEEDED

Washington, Jan. 25.—The first of the new 16-inch mobile howitzers cannot be delivered to the army for two years, Brigadier General Crozier, chief of ordnance, told the house military committee today. The ordnance experts are preparing to construct twenty-six 16-inch rifles, long range, heavy weapons to be mounted in turrets as part of the fixed fortifications. General Crozier gave no estimate of the time necessary to construct them. He said he had seen reports that 17-inch guns were being mounted on new German battleships but had no official information.

General Crozier estimated that in six months a large army could be supplied with machine guns and rifles by arsenals and private plants, provided equipment to convert private plants to build government models was ready for the government.

Germans Free French Aviator. Berlin, Jan. 25.—Among the military prisoners in Montenegro who were freed by the Teutonic forces is Count von Holck, well known as an aviator and horseman. Count von Holck won the Hamburg derby several times.

All the news all the time—The Argus

GOOD ROADS MAN TO VISIT MOLINE

James Wilson, Member of Illinois Highway Commission, to Address Bluff Men's Club.

James Wilson, member of the Illinois highway commission, will be a speaker at the Friday evening meeting of the Moline Bluff Men's club. Mr. Wilson will talk about good roads, a subject which he is well qualified to discuss. The state commission, of which he is a member, consists of three persons and all are authorities on road making in this state.

Special invitation is extended by the club to men of Moline, who are opposed to the construction of hard roads, inasmuch as the commissioner has announced that he prefers to talk before men who are opposed to the good roads movement. Invitation has been extended to the chairman of the county board of supervisors to hear the lecture.

TRI-CORNERED SHOP MEET PLANNED HERE

Plans are practically completed for a three-cornered shop meet to be held at the Rock Island Y. M. C. A. tomorrow evening. The shops which are to participate in the meet are the Rock Island Plow company, the Rock Island Manufacturing company and the People's Power company. Committees have been appointed to represent each of the shops and these committees have entire charge of the program. The association building with all its equipment is to be turned over to the men for the evening. The shop committees met last night

to perfect plans and to complete the programs. W. W. Schwarting represents the People's Power company; H. P. Brown the Rock Island Plow company and Stewart Bradley the Rock Island Manufacturing company. The program will include baseball games, basketball, tug of war and relay races of various kinds. It is expected that at a later date to have other shops enter similar meets.

Urges Reunion of Parties. Danville, Ill., Jan. 25.—E. F. Royse, of this city, candidate on the progressive ticket for congress against "Uncle Joe" Cannon in 1912, today issued a statement urging the progressives to meet the republicans half way in a reunion of the factions.



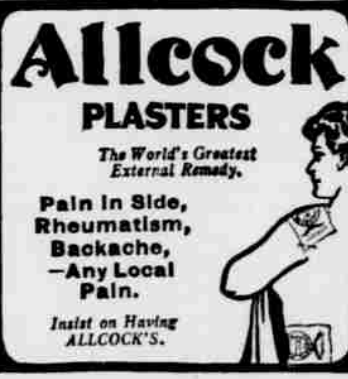
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